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## MEMORANDUM

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FROM: Stephanie Bernkopf  
Pre-Design Coordinator

DATE: April 30, 1997

SUBJECT: Pre-design conference for SF Phosphates Limited Company

A pre-design conference has been scheduled for Thursday, May 8, 1997 at 1:00 p.m. in Room 205, 168 North 1950 West, Salt Lake City, Utah. (Building 2)

The pre-design conference is for SF Phosphates Limited Company. The company is considering expanding facilities located near Vernal, Utah. The attached letter gives some information regarding the feasibility study for the expansion.

Please send a representative from your division.

Thank you.

Attachment

cc: Scott Anderson, DSHW  
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Re: Request for a Pre-Design Conference for a Potential Tailings Disposal Site in Uintah County, Utah

Dear Ms. Bernkopf:

SF Phosphates LC is considering expanding facilities and would like to work with your office to obtain the necessary environmental permits. We have retained JBR Environmental Consultants, Inc. to assist us in this introductory phase. Tim Thompson, JBR, recently contacted you to request that a meeting with Division representatives be held at your office on May 8, 1997 at 1:30 PM. At that time, SF Phosphates and JBR will be prepared to present an overview of the plans for this project.

The project consists of a preliminary feasibility study on a potential future tailings disposal site. The site is located on BLM administered public land a few miles south of the Plant. The study is only an initial step to evaluate the technical and environmental conditions associated with a potential tailings disposal facility at this site. A small scale geotechnical study will include analysis from several boreholes and test pits. Surface disturbance will be less than five acres, and all disturbance will be immediately reclaimed. Natural resources such as threatened and endangered species, archeological sites and groundwater conditions will also be evaluated. The results of this preliminary study will be used to help guide future decision making processes, including additional evaluation of this site. A Notice of Intent to conduct surface disturbance activities will be submitted to the BLM.

Thank you for your assistance in coordinating this meeting. If you have any questions or comments, please contact Tim Thompson or Brian Buck at JBR, 943-4144, or me at (801) 781-3348. We look forward to learning more about the permit requirements should we decide to proceed with the next phase of this project.

Sincerely,

Ron Ryan  
 Environmental Specialist

cc Miles Weaver, Mine Manager  
 Tim Thompson, JBR

